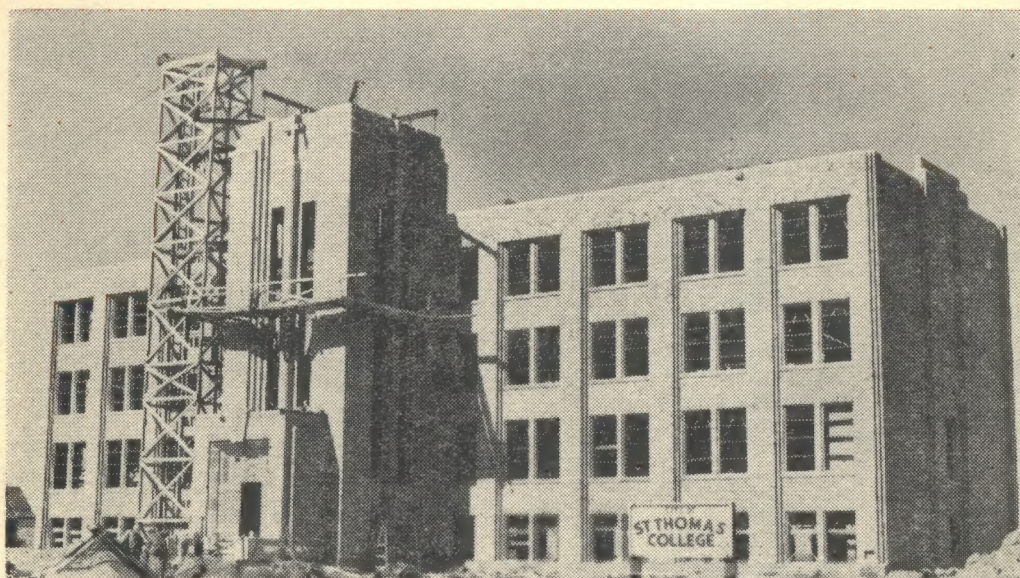


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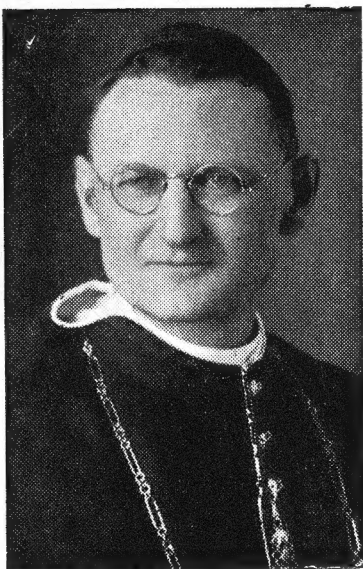
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YOUTH OF WESTERN CANADA,
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AT NORTH BATTLEFORD,
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SOME FOUR YEARS AGO WE ASKED THE OBLATE FATHERS TO BUILD A CATHOLIC COLLEGE AT NORTH BATTLEFORD. IT WAS A TREMENDOUS UNDERTAKING, BUT BY DINT OF HARD WORK ON YOUR PART, AND OF GENEROUS GIVING ON THE PART OF PRIESTS AND OF FAITHFUL ALIKE, THE DREAM OF A CATHOLIC COLLEGE FOR BOYS IN OUR DIOCESE IS FAST BECOMING A REALITY.

THIS INSTITUTION WILL BE A NURSERY OF SACERDOTAL AND OF MISSIONARY VOCATIONS. IT WILL ALSO SUPPLY WELL-INSTRUCTED CATHOLICS WHO WILL DO HONOR TO THEIR CHURCH IN THE VARIOUS PROFESSIONS AND POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP. THOUGH THE PRIMARY OBJECT OF THE COLLEGE SHALL BE TO FOSTER SACERDOTAL VOCATIONS IT WILL NOT FAIL, AT THE SAME TIME, TO TURN OUT DISTINGUISHED AND CAPABLE LAYMEN AND CITIZENS.

THEREFORE, WITH ALL MY HEART, I BLESS YOU AND CONGRATULATE YOU. THE NEW ST. THOMAS COLLEGE IS NOT ONLY AN ASSET TO OUR DIOCESE BUT ALSO A FITTING MEMORIAL OF THE HUNDRED YEARS' WORK OF THE OBLATES IN THE WEST.

† *R. Duprat, O.P.*

Bishop of Prince Albert



BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF ST. THOMAS COLLEGE, IN THE CITY OF NORTH BATTLEFORD, THE OBLATE FATHERS ARE SHOWING THEIR DEVOTION TO, AND THEIR INTEREST IN THE EDUCATIONAL WELFARE OF THE YOUTH OF THIS PROVINCE.

THEIR SURE UNDERSTANDING OF THE TIME AND ITS PERILS AND ITS PERVERTED INFLUENCE UPON YOUNG MINDS THROUGH POSSIBLE MISGUIDED LEADERSHIP IN THE INTELLECTUAL FIELD, HAS BEEN THE IMPULSE TO THE SACRIFICE AND COURAGE NECESSARY FOR THE SUCCESS OF THIS SCHOOL OF LEARNING.

AS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF SASKATCHEWAN AND SPEAKING FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PROVINCE, MAY I EXPRESS THE PROFOUND WISH, THAT THE OBLATES OF MARY IMMACULATE MAY EVER RECEIVE THE APPRECIATION OF ALL, WHO TREASURE SACRIFICE FOR CONSCIENCE' SAKE, AND THE GRATITUDE WHICH THEIR DEEDS IN THE PAST AS WELL AS IN THE PRESENT SO WELL MERIT.

J. M. Uhrich, M.D.
Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan

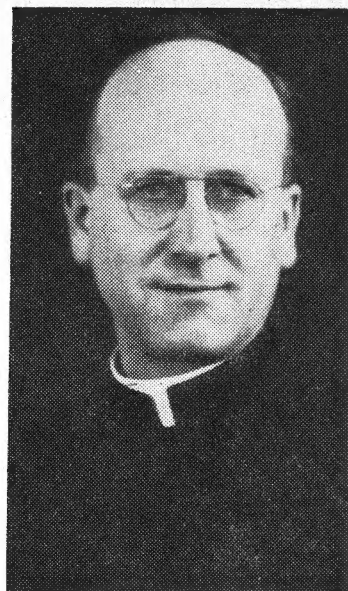


CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOUNDERS OF ST. THOMAS COLLEGE ON THE FINE BUILDING WHICH THEY ARE ERECTING. THIS WILL PRESENT AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR MANY YOUNG PEOPLE TO RECEIVE TRAINING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE OBLATE FATHERS.

THERE IS A GROWING RECOGNITION THAT EDUCATION MUST NOT ONLY PREPARE US FOR MAKING A LIVING BUT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHARACTER THAT LEADS TO A SATISFYING WAY OF LIFE.

I BELIEVE THAT ST. THOMAS COLLEGE WILL MAKE A WORTHWHILE CONTRIBUTION TO THE EDUCATIONAL AND RELIGIOUS LIFE OF OUR PROVINCE AND I WISH THEM EVERY SUCCESS IN THIS UNDERTAKING.

J. C. Douglas,
Premier of Saskatchewan



AS PROVINCIAL-SUPERIOR OF THE OBLATE FATHERS OF ST. MARY'S PROVINCE, I WISH TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE TO THE THOUSANDS OF FRIENDS WHO, IN A SPIRIT OF SACRIFICIAL GIVING, CONTRIBUTED SO GENEROUSLY TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW ST. THOMAS COLLEGE. THE COLLEGE WHICH IS NOW NEARING COMPLETION, AND WHICH IS TO SERVE AS A NURSERY FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS AND FOR THE TRAINING OF CAPABLE CHRISTIAN LAY-LEADERS, WILL STAND AS A LASTING MEMORIAL TO THE DEEP FAITH AND CHRISTIAN CHARITY OF THE PEOPLE WHO HELPED TO BUILD IT. NOR SHALL THEY BE WITHOUT THEIR REWARD.

TO THE CITY OF NORTH BATTLEFORD WHICH GRANTED FREE TITLE TO THE PROPERTY FOR THE NEW COLLEGE, WE ARE ALSO SINCERELY GRATEFUL.

THE OBLATE FATHERS SHALL STRIVE CONSTANTLY TO MAKE GOOD THE PLEDGE OF TRUST WHICH HAS BEEN PLACED IN THEM. THROUGH THEIR WORK IN THE NEW ST. THOMAS COLLEGE, THEY WILL ENDEAVOR TO ASSIST IN NO LITTLE MEASURE IN THE RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF WESTERN CANADA.

S. Wachowicz, O.M.I.
Provincial-Superior,
Oblate Fathers of St. Mary's Province.

HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS

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ON THIS SOLEMN OCCASION OF THE LAYING OF THE CORNERSTONE OF YOUR NEW ST. THOMAS COLLEGE IN OUR CITY, I SHOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE YOU IN MY NAME AND IN THE NAME OF ALL CITIZENS OF NORTH BATTLEFORD.

THE VERY FINE BUILDING YOU HAVE PUT UP ON THE PROPERTY THE CITY GRANTED YOU SOME THREE YEARS AGO, MAKES US FEEL PROUD OF YOU. WE APPRECIATE THE LABOR AND THE TIME AND THE MONEY THAT HAVE GONE INTO THE BUILDING THUS FAR. WE ARE AWARE OF THE TREMENDOUS INTELLECTUAL, MORAL, MATERIAL AND FINANCIAL ADVANTAGES YOUR COLLEGE WILL BRING TO OUR CITY. YOUR INSTITUTION WILL FURTHER OUR EFFORTS TO MAKE THIS CITY A CENTER OF INTELLECTUAL LIFE.

OUR SINCEREST CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, THEREFORE. REST ASSURED, TOO, THAT AS SOON AS YOU ARE READY TO OCCUPY YOUR NEW BUILDING, YOU WILL BE MOST WELCOME, AND WE SHALL BE HAPPY TO COUNT YOU AMONGST OUR CITIZENS.

A. F. Cousins

Mayor, City of North Battleford

CONGRATULATIONS

to

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for the Battlefords.



The Building of a College



SURVEYING THE SITE

Peter Olynyk, North Battleford engineer, lends an expert eye in surveying the 25 acre plot which is to serve as the site of the new St. Thomas College. Formerly used as the athletic grounds of North Battleford, the land, which overlooks the North Saskatchewan river, was granted to the Oblate Fathers by the city of North Battleford in the fall of 1945 when the late J. D. Deans served as mayor. In the meantime, E. J. Gilbert, architect, Saskatoon, was drawing the blueprints for the college overall plan of which calls for an administration building, chapel, highschool, arts building and playdium.

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The Department of Education
GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN

Hon. W. S. Lloyd,
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Allan McCallum,
Deputy Minister.



TURNING THE SOD

On April 9th, 1949, Lyle Abbott, mayor of North Battleford, officiated at the turning of the sod of the site selected for the college. Included in the picture (left to right): Alderman Wm. Bunce, North Battleford, John H. Maher, barrister, North Battleford, E. J. Gilbert, architect, Saskatoon, Walter Gilhooly, editor of the North Battleford Optimist, Very Rev. G. W. Kuckartz, O.M.I., superior of the Oblate seminary, Battleford, Rev. P. A. Riffel, O.M.I., manager of construction on behalf of Oblate Fathers, the late Paul Prince, former M. L.A. for the Battlefords, Mayor Lyle Abbott, Charles Williams, North Battleford, Rev. J. Simon, O.M.I., Battleford, H. James Maher, M.L.A. for the Battlefords, Alderman A. F. Cousins, Alderman C. J. Hewitt, the late J. A. Prince, Battleford, Rev. A. Prince, O.M.I., Battleford, John Headley, construction foreman, North Battleford,

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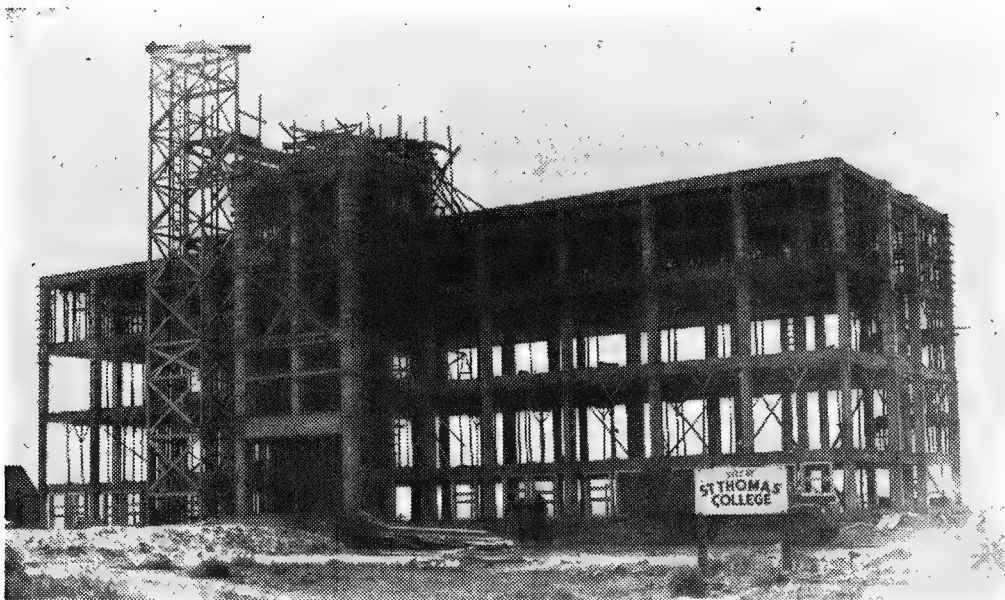
St. Thomas College

on the occasion of the
Laying of the Cornerstone.

JOHN W. HEADLEY

Construction Superintendent of the new St. Thomas College.





LOOKING IN FROM THE OUTSIDE

With the erection of the skeleton of the building, construction came to a halt in the late fall of 1949. It must now weather the onslaughts of a bitter and cold winter. But let's put the imagination to use. Measuring 135"x45" the basement floor will serve as a dining room where 200 hungry youngsters will be given their fill three times a day. A kitchen with every modern appliance will be located in basement left. First floor provides accommodation for a recreation hall, library, rector's and bursar's rooms, administrative offices, guest rooms and parlors. Professors' rooms and two dormitories complete with lockers and showers will be found on the second and third floor.

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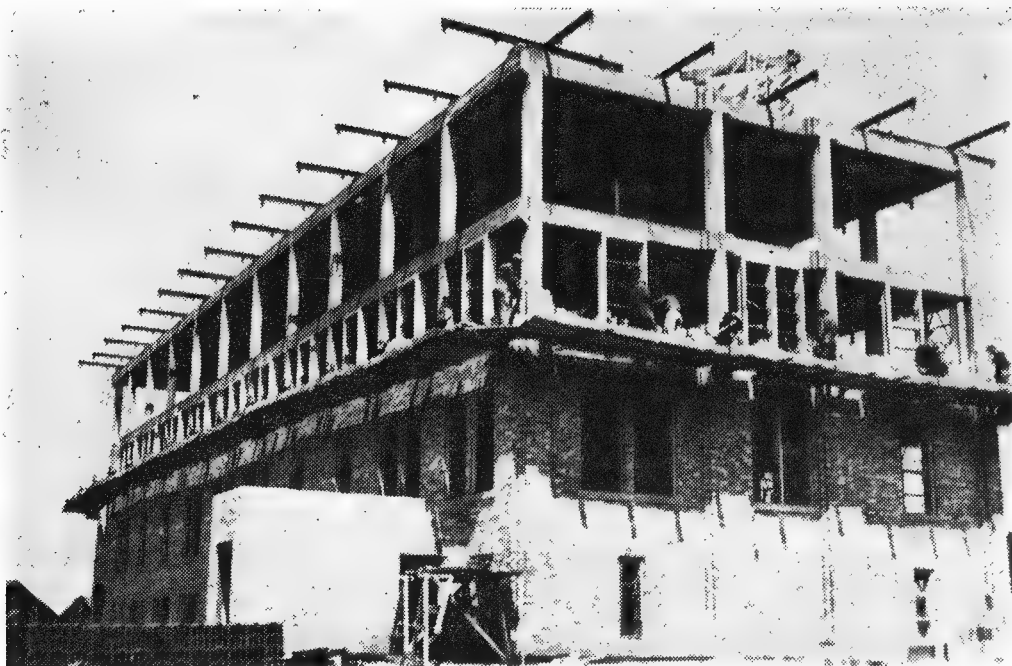
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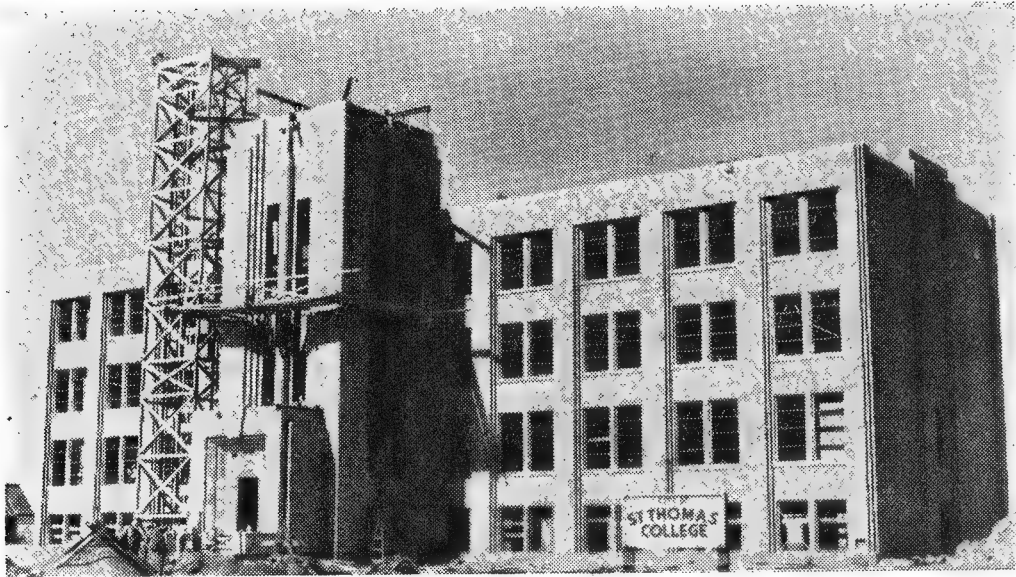
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So as not to delay the opening of the new college, an H-Hut purchased from the Saskatchewan government in 1946 will serve as temporary classrooms. When remodelled and painted, it will provide ample accommodation for 150 students. The classrooms will be conveniently located on the campus ground to the north of the main building. A temporary chapel is also being provided until such time as the new brick chapel with basement auditorium adjoining the main building is erected.

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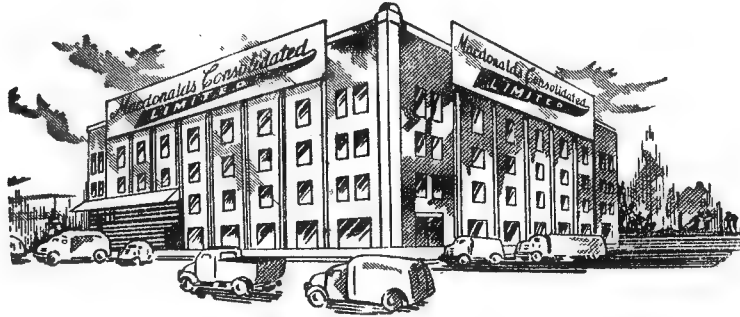
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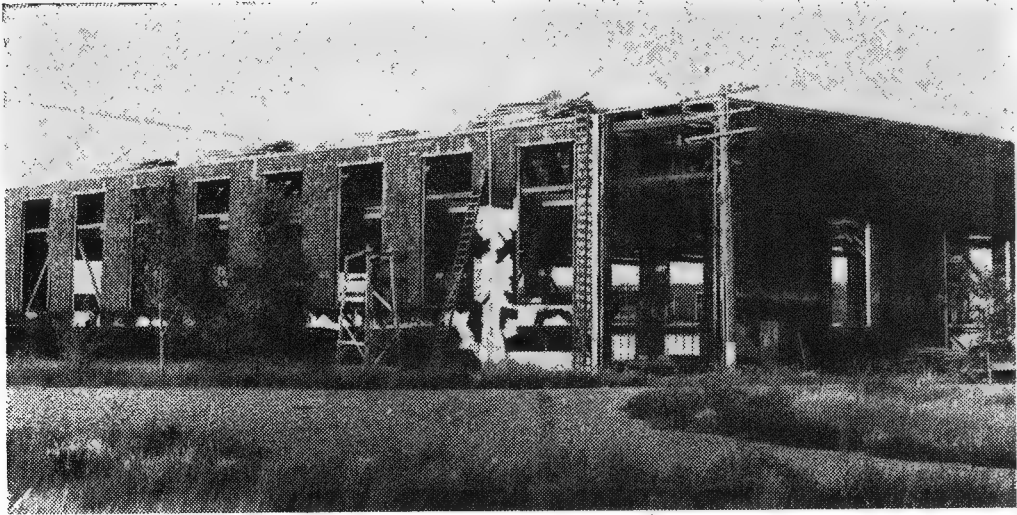
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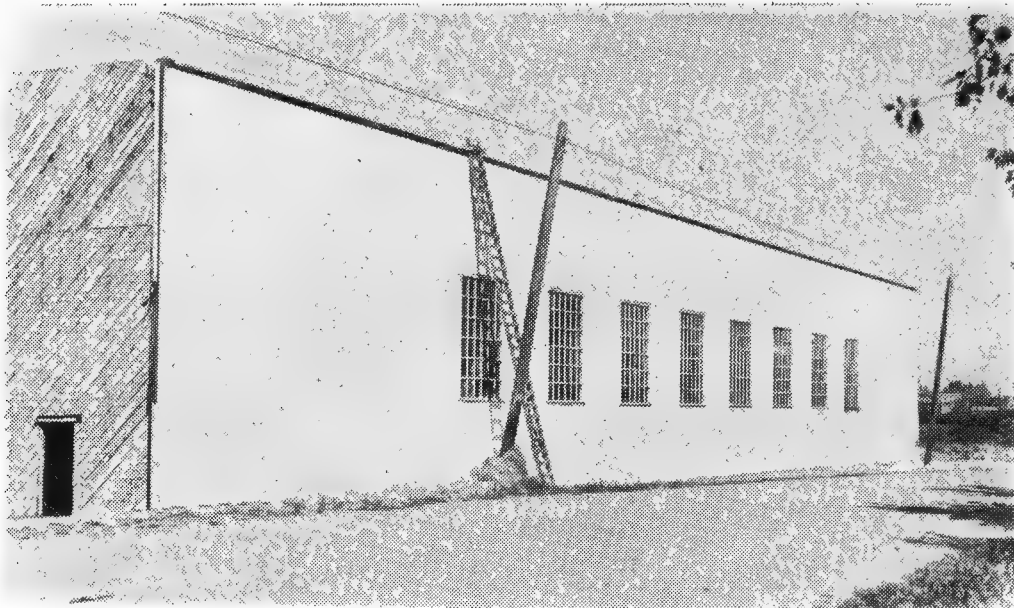
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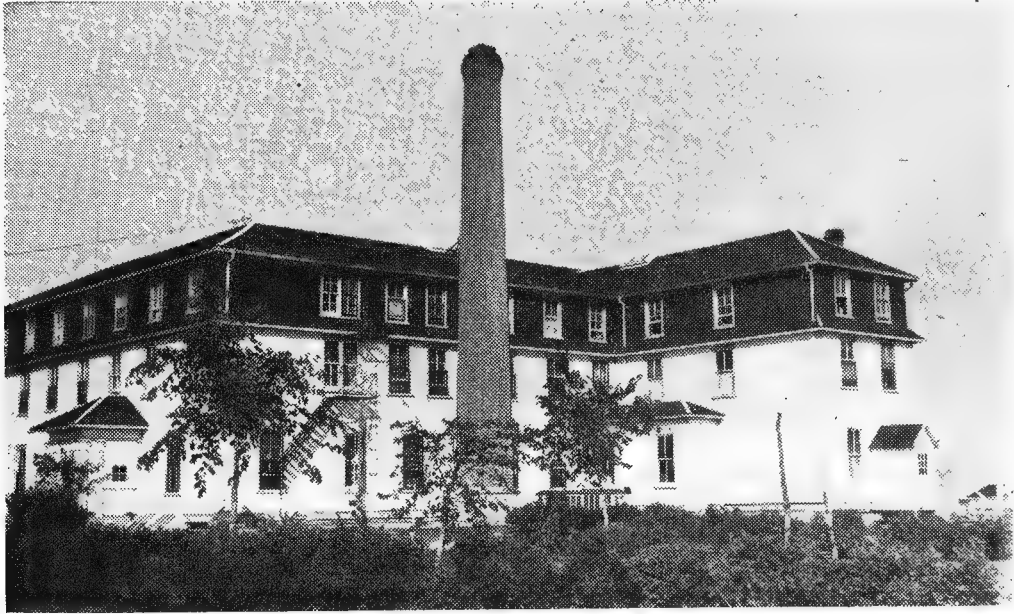
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Farewell to the Old St. Thomas

THE ending of the school term 1949-50 wrote 'finis' to another chapter in the historic career of the old Government House, which became St. Thomas College 18 years ago. Let us leaf through the pages of its history and review its colorful past to see how intimately its history is connected with the history of the Northwest.

A hundred and fifty years ago the coureur-des-bois was king and the beaver pelt was the gold he sought. The rivers were the arteries of communication. Where tributaries joined the mainstream the fur traders built their posts to barter the white man's goods for the Indian's baled gold. Thus it came about that in 1812, three quarters of a century before the iron horse had girdled the prairies with ribbons of gleaming steel, adventurous fur traders, employees of the Hudson Bay Company, established a trading post near the junction of the North Saskatchewan and Battle rivers.

But the fur trader did not remain the undisputed lord for long. Enterprising settlers who wanted to till the soil and grow crops soon followed. They came up the Saskatchewan in the Company's heavy York boats, or later, by steamboat. They came by the overland route from Winnipeg in horse and ox drawn wagons.

By 1874 a community of white settlers had been established and Battleford had become the center of population in the North West Territories. A village grew up. It enjoyed the protection of the fort built and staffed by the North West Mounted Police on the north bank of the Battle river.

The growth of population gave rise to problems which necessitated the establishment of a legislative body which would look after the peculiar needs of this new vast territory. This

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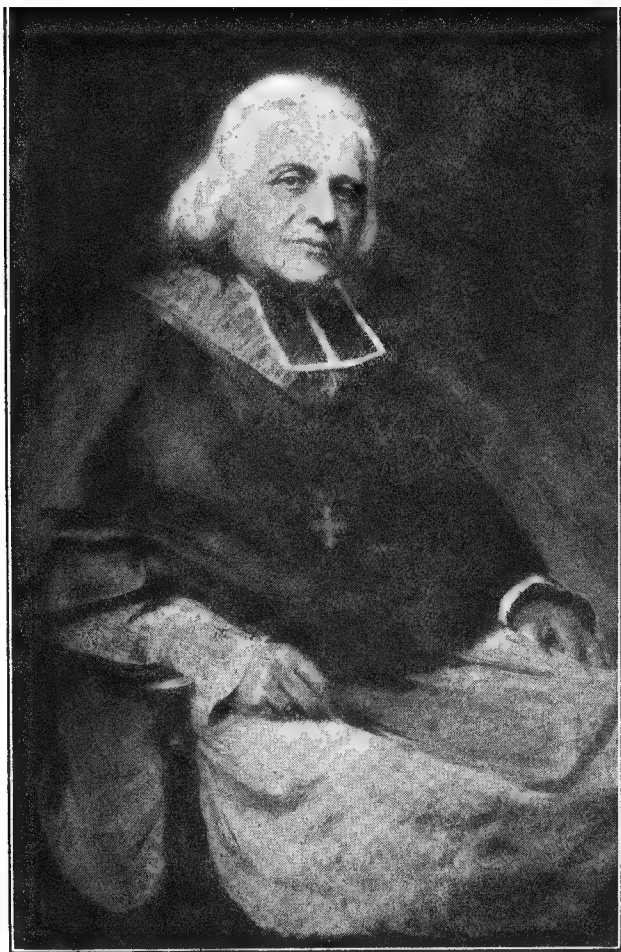
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Bishop Eugene de Mazenod.

The Oblates

TWENTY-FIVE years of persecution and turmoil brought on by the French Revolution and the Napoleonic Wars had done incalculable harm to religion in France. A young priest, Father Charles Joseph Eugene de Mazenod undertook to restore religion to its rightful place in the lives of men. His special concern was for the poorest of the poor. He gathered about himself a group of priests with sympathetic views. This was in 1816. These men formed the nucleus of the Congregation of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate which obtained official papal approval on February 17, 1826.

Soon after this they began to extend their sphere of activity to foreign mission fields. Their spread was very rapid. Today they have missions in Ceylon, Indo-China, Japan, the Philippine Islands, in a number of countries in South America, in South Africa and various other regions of Africa. They have spread throughout Europe and the United States.

They first came to Canada at the invitation of Bishop Bourget of Montreal. The first Oblates to come arrived in 1841. They were six in number. This number has increased so that today, a little more than a hundred years after their arrival, out of a total membership of approximately 6,000 in the Congregation, more than 2,000 are Canadians.

Soon after their arrival in Canada, a vast new mission field was opened to them. The whole West and North lay before them. Bishop Provencher of St. Boniface asked for priests for his diocese which extended from the Red River Settlement to the Arctic and Pacific oceans. The first Oblate to set foot in Western Canada was Alexander Tache, O.M.I., the future Archbishop of St. Boniface. At the time he was not yet a priest. Others soon followed and it was not long before they carried the standard of Christ to the most distant of remote places. Today all the northern Canadian missions among the Indians and Eskimos are confided to the care of the Oblates.

At about the turn of the century, land-hungry and liberty-seeking settlers began to enter the West in large numbers. They came by the recently constructed transcontinental railway. Many of these settlers were from Central European countries. The priests who were in the West did not speak their language. There was danger that they would drift away from the faith of their fathers. To avert this danger the ecclesiastical authorities sent to Europe for priests who could instruct

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Oblate College Drive—In Retrospect



Oblate College Drive

ON A HILL two miles south of the historic town of Battleford stands a wooden frame building visible to the eye for miles around. Erected in 1876-77, it served as a government house, an industrial school and an academy. Since 1931 it has housed a college and a seminary conducted by the Oblate Fathers of St. Mary's Province.

The meagre enrolment of 23 students in 1932 grew rapidly even through the depression years. It was not long therefore before the authorities realized that a new college would have to be built. To have to refuse 75 to 100 boys yearly because of lack of space was a disheartening task, for among them were many of the missionaries and lay-leaders of the next generation. Due to lack of funds,

however, the dream of a new college remained unrealized, and with the declaration of World War II it became an even more remote possibility.

Then in the early spring of 1946, the Oblate Fathers embarked upon a daring plan. Observing that the material wealth of the country had steadily been on the upclimb, they asked themselves whether the funds for the building of a new college could be gathered through the good-will contributions of the people whom they had been serving for the past 20 years. The Very Rev. J. Boekenfoehr, O.M.I., then provincial-superior of St. Mary's Province and now assistant-general of the Order in Rome, authorized a province-wide campaign for

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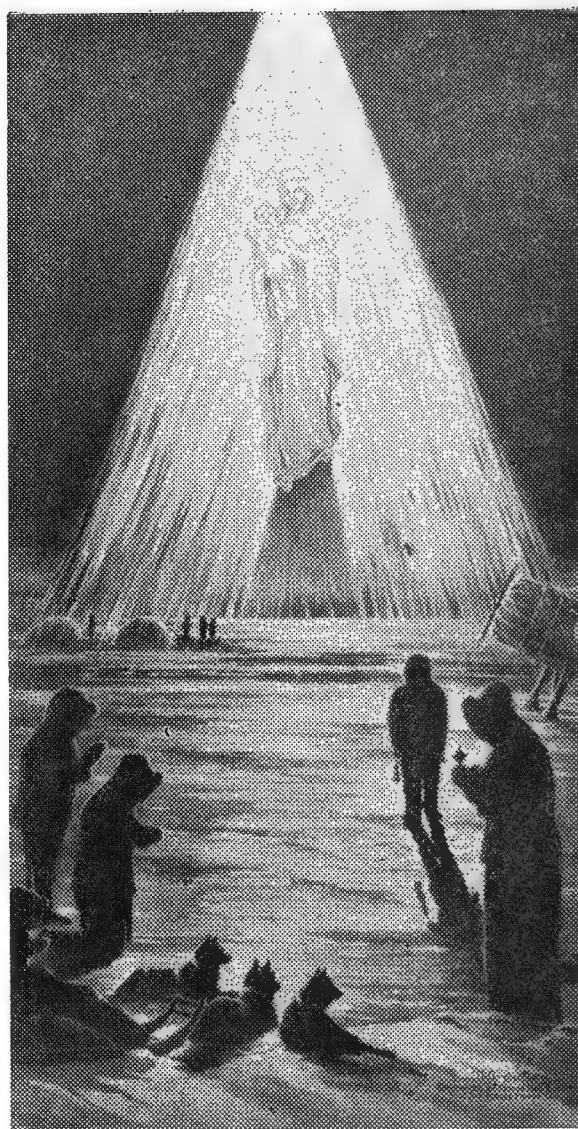
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FOUR years ago marked the beginning of the drive for funds to build the new college. Taking all circumstances into consideration, this was a hazardous undertaking, one that would not be successful without help from above. Therefore, to ensure its success the Oblate College Drive was placed under the patronage of Our Lady of the Snows. The new college bears witness to the success of this campaign. No doubt Our Lady helped, and it is only fitting that gratitude be shown her.

The devotion to Our Lady of the Snows was made popular through the missionary zeal of its founder, Father Paul Schulte, O.M.I., the "Flying Priest" of the Arctic. Before World War II Father Schulte was engaged in bringing help to missionaries and Eskimos of Hudson Bay. These activities formed in Father Schulte the resolve to further with all his might the cause of the northern missions among the Eskimos. When he returned to the United States he had the artist J. Watson Davis paint a picture of Our Lady with the Child Jesus appearing in glory over some igloos, to which a plane had brought a priest to dispense the rites of religion to the natives. The picture was then enshrined and a perpetual novena to Our Lady of the Snows was begun. Father Schulte's reasons for founding this devotion were threefold: first, to make known the missions of the North; secondly, to induce people to pray for the intention of the missions, and thirdly, to obtain funds to further the cause of the missions, particularly to obtain airplanes in order to facilitate travel in mission territories.

But this devotion to Our Lady of the Snows is not something altogether new. It is based on a very ancient and



popular tradition dating back to the fifth century. A Roman patrician named John, and his wife, who was also of noble family, not having been blessed by God with an heir to their estate, made a vow by which they consecrated their entire possessions to the Virgin Mother of God. At the same time, they devoutly and earnestly besought her that she should signify in some way the special object to which she wished the money to be devoted.

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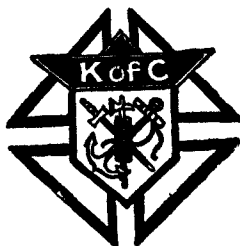
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North Battleford—Gateway to the North

THE USE of superlatives is often looked upon with suspicion. Nevertheless it is impossible to speak of the progress made in the West, and the growth of towns and cities in the

West without frequently having recourse to the use of superlatives. The city of North Battleford and the story of its development is perhaps typical of all western cities.

North Battleford shared its infancy with the Province of Saskatchewan, being incorporated as a village in 1905, the same year in which Saskatchewan joined Confederation as a province. This infancy, however, was of short duration, for in 1906 the precocious youngster entered its adolescence by becoming a town. Seven years later, in 1913, it attained full manhood when it obtained its charter as a city.

This phenomenal growth continued until the middle of the first World War when a ten-year period began in which little progress was made. There was a slight increase again in the late twenties. The first decline took place during the thirties. The low was reached in 1941 when the census



The Saskatchewan River, North Battleford.

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The Battleford Post

By J. D. Herbert, M.A.

ONE mile south-east of the town of Battleford, on the high plateau which overlooks on the one side the former site of the Government of the North West Territories, and on the other the town of North Battleford, five white and red buildings, four of them enclosed in a log stockade, attract the visitor's eye. There is something symbolic in this position, half-way between the old and the new, for their erection, some seventy-odd years ago, heralded the coming of a new civilization to wrest an old one from the north-west plains; and they stand today filled with the memories of another day that generations may reflect on the march of history.

Today, in 1950, these five red roofed structures and the memorabilia they contain represent the "North West Mounted Police Memorial and Indian Museum." Seventy years ago when they were first planned they were to be simply known as the "Battleford Post of the North West Mounted Police." Only volumes could do justice to the three generations of glory and defeat, dignity and disaster, that have marked their history. Here we may only brush the surface.

Creation of the Dominion of Canada in 1867 brought with it the determination of a group of men that the North West should be kept British at all costs. This led to the purchase of

the North West Territories from the Hudson's Bay Company, accompanied by the first revolt of the Métis on the Red River. Partly due to this event, partly to the presence of lawless whisky smugglers in the far West, and partly due to the conviction of the Canadian Government that government should precede settlement, in 1873 the North West Mounted Police force was formed to maintain law and order in the Territories. The next year the force marched across the plains to establish the first permanent outposts of civilization.

In the next few years the web of law and order spread out from the first post at Macleod, and in 1876 it reached Battleford when Inspectors James Walker and Edmund Frechette constructed the post where the Memorial now stands. Two of the buildings erected that year, the Superintendent's House and the Inspector's House remain, together with a Guard House erected in 1881, a Barracks and Mess Hall erected in 1883, and a Hospital Stable erected in 1898.

The Mounted Police force soon had their work of maintaining law and order intensified, for with the coming of the white settler who followed the police a clash of cultures was inevitable. The advance of settlement coin-

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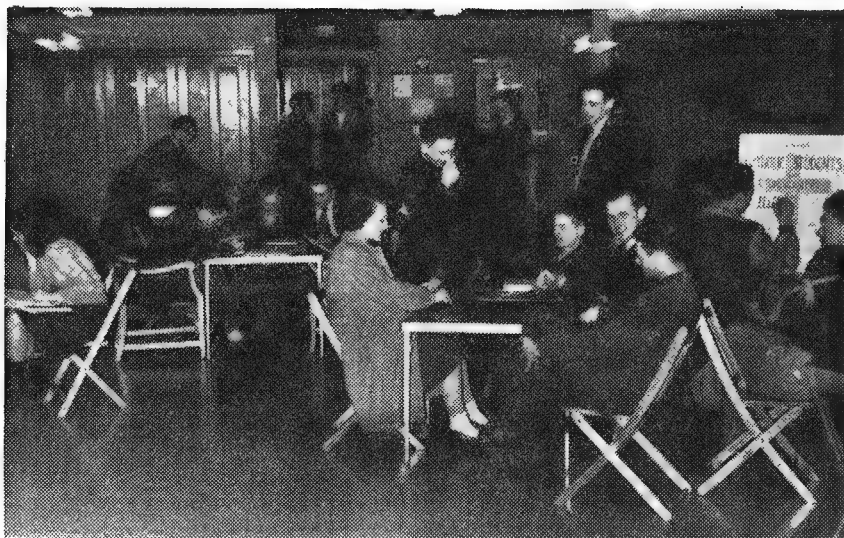
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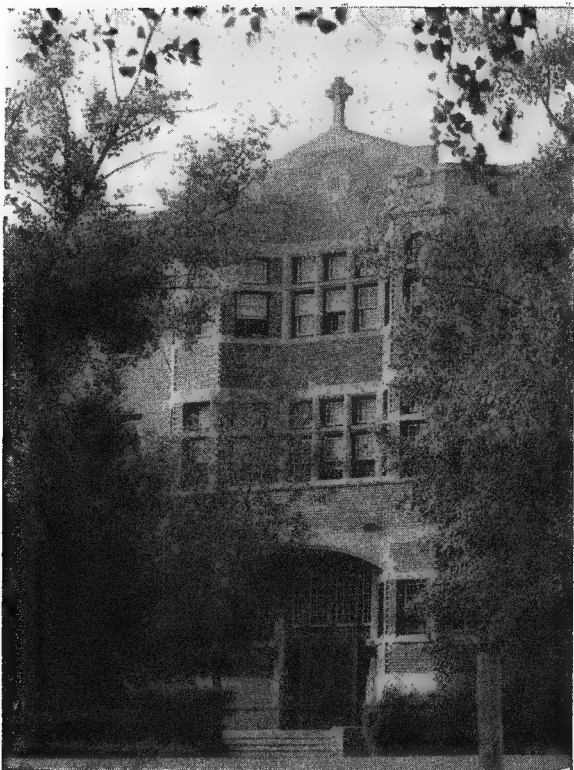
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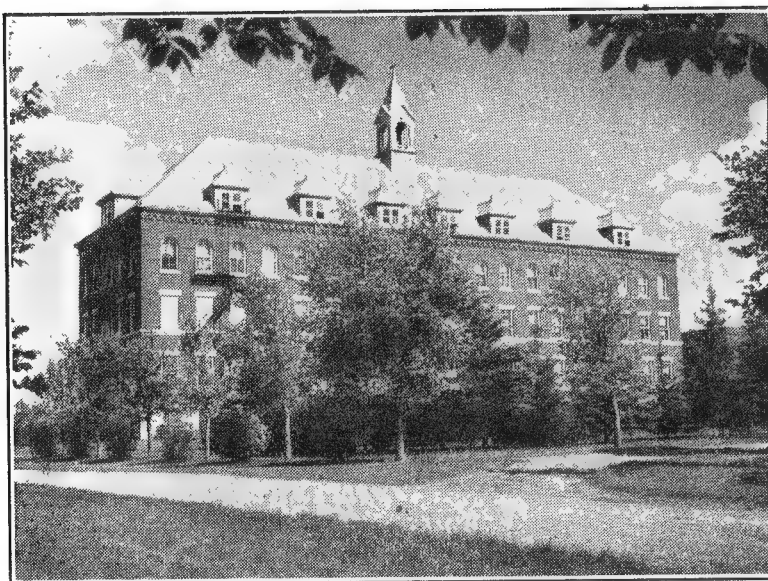
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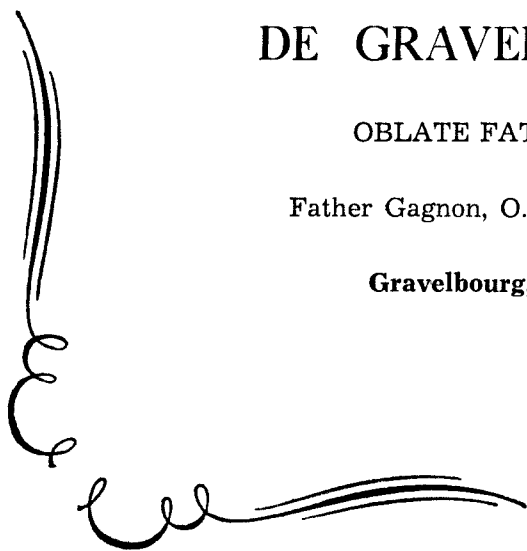
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led to the forming of the North West Council in 1876 under Lieutenant-Governor David Laird. Battleford was chosen as the seat of the Council. A building (later to become St. Thomas College) was erected in 1876—77 on the south bank of the Battle, just opposite the Mountie fort. Pending the erection of this building the first session of the Council was held at Swan River (Livingstone.)

For four brief years this house served as the parliament building for the North West Territories. The second, third and fourth sessions of the North West Council were held here in the years 1878, 1879 and 1881. In 1881 an obscure village in Southern Saskatchewan was selected as the capital of the North West. It exchanged its rather extraordinary name of "Pile o' Bones" for the more dignified one of Regina. But the old

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building had played its part. These were crucial years in the making of the West. Within its halls had been carried on the legislation that helped lay the foundations of modern Saskatchewan and Alberta.

After the capital was moved to Regina, the house was left vacant for two years, as if to brood over its past glories. Then in 1883 it became the Anglican Indian industrial school.

In the meantime, the buffalo had been fast disappearing. White men were occupying the land of which the Indian had been the undisputed master since time immemorial. Trouble was brewing. The dissatisfied Indians and Metis were ripe for rebellion. The arrival and subsequent influence of Louis Riel brought matters to a head. In the early spring of 1885 the storm finally burst along the Saskatchewan.

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Several days later the battle north of Cutknife Hill took place. Chief Poundmaker's braves forced Otter's soldiers to retreat to Battleford. They brought their wounded with them and left them at the former North West Council House.

When the trouble had subsided, the house again settled down to the quieter life of an industrial school. This

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continued until 1914 when the industrial school was closed.

Another vacancy of two years followed. Now the house became an academy conducted by a Protestant denomination, the Seventh Day Adventists. It remained an academy until 1931. Even to this day local residents refer to it as "the academy."

Finally, in 1931, the ex-Government House changed hands for the last time when the Oblates of Mary Immaculate purchased it. Thus was initiated a new era in its history. It now became St. Thomas College.

During the occupancy of its several owners numerous changes had taken place in the old building. A third storey and two new wings had been added. Space had been cleared for classrooms and recreation halls. The former council chamber became the

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In the following year, 1932, classes began. A meagre 23 students attended. As we now look back over the records of 18 eventful years, we can view with some satisfaction the work accomplished and the progress made. The student body quickly rose to a capacity enrollment of 70. Affiliation with the University of Ottawa made possible an Arts course, preparatory to a B.A. degree.

In these 18 years of its existence a total of 460 students have crossed the threshold of the college. Of these, 20 are now priests and 29 are students in seminaries preparing for the priesthood. Numerous professional men are numbered among the alumni. These

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include lawyers, doctors, teachers, school principals, accountants, journalists. Others have chosen to be farmers, engineers or have associated themselves with various other occupations or trades. During World War II more than 100 of its alumni served in the armed forces. Eight of these paid the supreme sacrifice of their lives. Others brought honor to their Alma Mater by military decorations received for deeds of gallantry and loyal service. The numerous trophies testify to the fact that St. Thomas College has won a place for itself in the field of athletics. Hockey is the sport in which the college has captured the most honors. Coached by Father J. Simon, O.M.I., the boys have won the local championship 8 times.

In the eight years of its existence St. Thomas College Cadet Corps has won many trophies. The most highly

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THE OLD S.T.C. (Continued)

prized among them are the coveted Early Grey Trophy, the highest award in the Dominion for general proficiency, and the King George V Trophy which is the highest Cadet award in the Dominion for small bore shooting.

From the very beginning, two separate institutions, a boys' college and a theological seminary for young men preparing for the priesthood, have been conducted under the same roof by the Oblate Fathers. With the erection of the new St. Thomas College, old St. Thomas will become a theological seminary exclusively. To date, a total of 71 priests have graduated from the seminary. Some of these are now carrying the standard of Christ to the Church's far-flung mission fields from Africa to the North Pole. Others are staffing parishes in vari-

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THE OBLATES (Continued)

them in their native tongue. Oblates responded to the appeal. They undertook to administer especially to the spiritual needs of the Polish, German, and in part, to the Ukrainian immigrants.

Years passed and more missionaries arrived. Recruits from among the people joined them. Their efforts to establish the Church in this new land were assured of success. By 1926 their numbers had sufficiently increased to warrant the establishment of a separate religious province. Out of a need that was local arose the present St. Mary's Province with headquarters at Saskatoon. This province now has a total membership of about 150 scattered throughout the length and breadth of Canada engaged in parish work, mission work and in conducting educational institutions. They still carry on the work that was entrusted to them at the beginning.

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COLLEGE DRIVE (Continued)

funds to be launched. Rev. P. A. Rif-
fel, O.M.I., provincial-bursar, was ap-
pointed director of the campaign. As-
sisting him were Rev. J. Simon,
O.M.I., and Rev. S. Baderski, O.M.I.
The drive was placed under the pat-
ronage of Our Lady of the Snows to
whom a perpetual novena was begun
by the Seminary community at Battle-
ford. Organization of the drive was
based on the Finn system in which
subscribers were asked to "give their
fair share" — the "fair share" being
determined by the amount they could
pledge and pay over a 24-month peri-
od.

On the first Sunday in June 1946,
a special campaign bulletin was issued
by Father Boekenfoehr and distrib-
uted in all the Oblate parishes of
Southern Saskatchewan and in vari-
ous points in Manitoba and Ontario,
thus marking the official opening of

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COLLEGE DRIVE (Continued)

the drive. There followed four weeks of intensive campaigning. The Northwest Review, Der Courier and the Gazeta Polska were employed to make the nature of the drive known to prospective givers. Meetings and banquets followed in rapid order in several key points in the province. By the end of the month, 3,000 team-workers, banded together under the leadership of their pastors and parish lay-chairmen, were ready to begin a thorough house to house canvass. The drive had received a heartening initial impulse through the Special Gifts Committee which reported pre-campaign pledges amounting to \$41,000.00.

In October of the same year the Drive moved north into the Diocese of Prince Albert. The Most Rev. Reginald Duprat, O.P., Bishop of Prince

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COLLEGE DRIVE (Continued)

Albert, heartily endorsed it, saying: "With all my heart I bless this valiant enterprise of the Oblate Fathers! It will be a fitting memorial of the hundred years' work they have done in the West."

The same system of collecting was introduced. The city of North Battleford, where the College was actually to be situated, became the center of activity. Extensive use was made of the local papers, The Optimist, The News, and The Battleford Press. The clergy of the diocese gave their full support serving as parish chairmen and taking part in pulpit exchanges to urge the faithful to "Pray, Work and Give" for the sake of their youth, for God, and for His Church.

By November 1st of that year, the Oblate Fathers were able to announce

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COLLEGE DRIVE (Continued)

that the result of the Drive in both Southern and Northern Saskatchewan had been most gratifying. The confidence in the people had been well rewarded. Their contributions, made in a spirit of sacrificial giving over a two-year period accumulated slowly but surely so that by 1948 construction of the new college was begun.

To the hundreds of College Drive workers and to the thousands of College Drive contributors, the Oblate Fathers of St. Mary's Province shall be everlastingly grateful. The College which is now nearing completion stands as a lasting memorial to the self-sacrificing spirit and Christian generosity of those who built it — the people of Saskatchewan.

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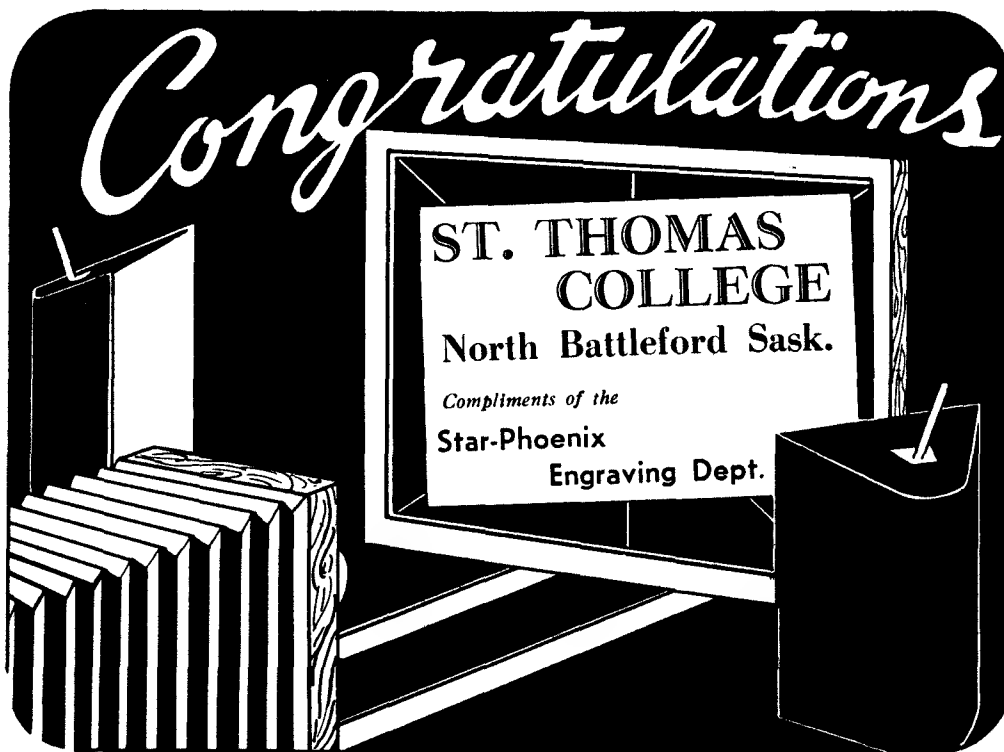
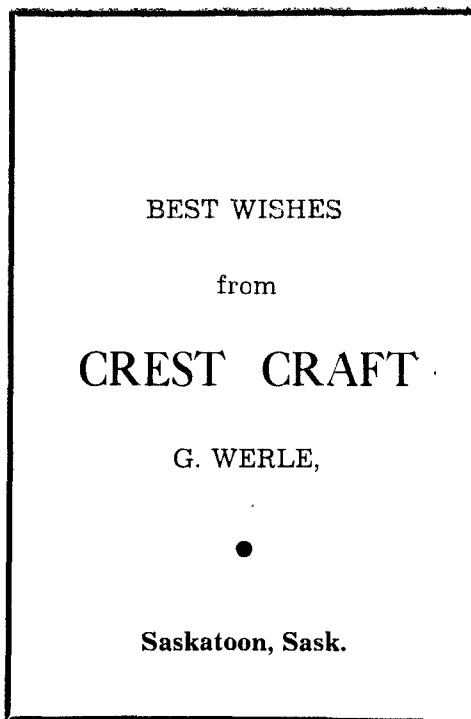
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LADY OF THE SNOWS (Continued)

Their vows and their prayers were miraculously approved by our Blessed Lady herself, who during the night of the fifth of August, it being the hottest part of the summer in Rome, caused the summit of the Esquiline Hill to be completely covered by a thick mantle of snow. The same night, Our Lady herself revealed in a dream to both John and his wife, that it was her wish to see a church built and dedicated to herself, under the title of the Virgin Mary, in the place where the miraculous snow should appear.

One of the titles by which this famous church is known is that of Our Lady of the Snows, due to the singular character of the miracle which led

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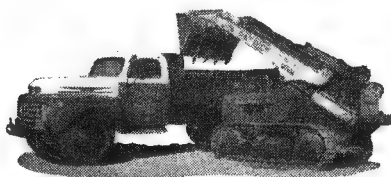
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THE OLD S.T.C. (Continued)

ous parts of Canada and the United States, but Saskatchewan is their principal field of activity. Still others have received appointments as professors.

With a twinge of regret we turn the page that ends another eventful chapter in the history of the old North West Council House.

What a colorful panorama has unfolded itself during the 73 years of its existence! The old house has seen the passing of the fur trader, it witnessed the subjugation of the Indians, the long wagon trains passed within a stone's throw of its walls, it heard the first shrill blast of the whistle of the first locomotive, it mourned over the disappearance of the buffalo, it watched the growth of a city. It was a party to the building of the new West. It has helped to shape the destinies of men.



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LADY OF THE SNOWS (Continued)

to its foundation. Moreover, the Church has so recognized this popular tradition that a special feast is celebrated on the fifth of August in honor of the miraculous occurrence which gave rise to the title of Our Lady of the Snows.

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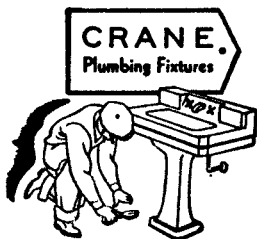
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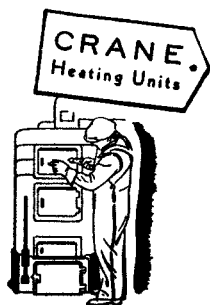
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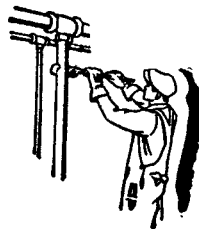


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NORTH BATTLEFORD (Continued)

showed a population of 4,694. Since then the population has been growing steadily. In 1946 the figure stood at 5,622 which is expected to be boosted to 7,000 by 1951.

The pioneers who selected the site of the city of North Battleford must have had an artist's eye for beauty. Its situation on the north bank of the North Saskatchewan river commands a view that has been often described as the most picturesque in all Saskatchewan. Looking east and south one can see the junction of the Saskatchewan and Battle rivers. The tongue of land that separates them is checkered with fields and gardens. The numerous low, green islands, separated by mazes of tortuous channels capture the imagination of the boatman and cause him to speculate on the inexhaustible field of exploration they

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NORTH BATTLEFORD (Continued)

offer. The possibility of getting stranded on a hidden sandbar provides the added attraction of uncertainty.

Realizing the natural scenic beauty of their location, the citizens of North Battleford have succeeded in enhancing this gift of nature by their own industry. Rows of flourishing trees, carefully kept hedges and velvet lawns, especially in the residential districts, are eloquent manifestations of the civic pride of the citizens of North Battleford. This civic spirit is also shown by the enthusiastic support that the hockey teams and ball teams receive when they uphold the city's honor in the field of athletics.

The visitor to North Battleford sees no indication of that ghost town atmosphere as shown on the screen by western movies and made a reality in

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NORTH BATTLEFORD (Continued)

many places by the depression in the thirties. Here there is nothing but bustling activity indicative of brisk business. And well it might be, too, for North Battleford is the distributing center for a district that has a population of no less than 110,000. An infallible indication of the thriving business is the amount of construction work that is being done throughout the city. During the past few years building permits for construction work to the value of several million dollars have been issued.

The central location of North Battleford is best appreciated when we recall to mind that nine highways, eight lines of the Canadian National Railways and four lines of the Canadian Pacific Railways radiate from the city. A branch of Canadian Pacific

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cided with the disappearance of the buffalo, and before long mutterings of resentment were heard among the fierce bands of Crees and Stoneys who saw their native soil being wrested from them, and with it their living. Reinforcements were brought in, detachments established at danger points, and mounted patrols maintained to bring protection to the settler, and justice to the Indian. However, by 1879 it had become necessary

to build a stout stockade about the Battleford post.

By 1882 the buffalo had all but disappeared. Presence of steam boats on the rivers had for years been wrenching the carrying trade from the Métis, and with the coming of the railway the last hope of competing with the new civilization was gone. Fearing for their existence, in 1885 the Indians and Métis joined arms in one last desperate endeavor to recapture their

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native plains by force. For a brief few weeks it seemed as if the white invader would be beaten, and the names Big Bear, Wandering Spirit, Poundmaker, Gabriel Dumont, and Louis Riel blanched the faces of hundreds of settlers seeking refuge behind the palisade of the Battleford Post.

But there were stout men among the Mounted Police too, Crozier, Steele, Dickens, and Irvine, each with small corps of men who knew no fear;

and when the Canadian Government responded to the call for aid with trained militia and artillery the cause for the Indian and the Métis was lost. Before the rebellion was two months old the savage and his half-white brother had nothing to look forward to but defeat, and the penalties to be paid for the lives they shed in cold blood.

After the execution of Louis Riel at Regina, and eight Indian murderers in the Battleford Stockade, and

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after the Mounted Police reinforcements and the militia returned from whence they came, life at the Battleford Post settled down to an almost unbroken routine of training and patrolling. In 1888 the stockade could be pulled down, for though the Indian was still hungry and cold, he had learned the futility of trying to resist the onrush of the white man's culture. By 1903 the strength of the post was reduced to 25. During the

first World War the post was moved across the Saskatchewan River to the new town of North Battleford, except for a small detachment which followed in 1924.

Abandoned, the post slept fitfully among its memories for 20 years, its foundations crumbling, its once immaculate grounds desecrated by wandering stock and human vandals. Neglected, but not completely forgotten, however, the Battleford Post was not

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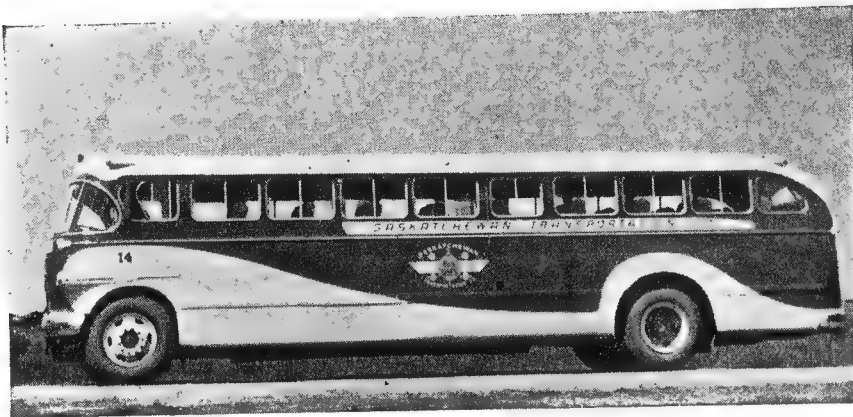
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to become but one more shadow of a glorious frontier era; for something of the indomitable spirit of the Mounted Police had caught and fired the imaginations of a few citizens of the new North West.

What pleas were made, what councils held, what interviews arranged, what hours spent in diligent research we leave to the reader to guess. The

Saskatchewan Government, which had acquired the property in 1936, was persuaded by a citizen's committee to undertake the restoration of a representative group of the buildings to be used as a memorial to perpetuate the memory of the North West Mounted Police, the pioneer settlers, and the Indians of the North West, who had all figured so colorfully in the development of Western Canada.

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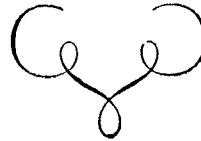
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cities of its size. Educational facilities consist of five elementary schools, a kindergarten and a collegiate institute which provides commercial courses besides the usual academic courses. A public library offers suitable literature to anyone who wishes to increase his knowledge or follow an intellectual hobby.

This material and cultural progress that has been made has established a record which is a credit to the industry and farsight of the citizens of North Battleford. Yet it has all been accomplished within the brief span of less than two generations, much of it during the last decade. What the future holds in store is a closed book to us, but if the past is standard by which we can judge the future, North Battleford may look to the future with confidence.

BATTLEFORD POST (Continued)

Here is the policeman's uniform, his revolver, his spurs; here is the settler's axe, his pipe, the housewife's churn; here is the Indian's canoe, his headdress, his war-club. Into the stockade erected on the foundations of the original crowd thousands of visitors yearly, their sleek shiny autos contrasting strangely with the old-style buildings and the palisade. But the Battleford Post does not mind: it stands between the old and the new.



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